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| HASKELL, et al. | Examiner:  W. Chen |
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| For:   METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PRIORITIZE VIDEO INFORMATION DURING CODING AND DECODING | |

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, dated June 21, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

40.    (Amended)    The method of prioritizing an encoded a–video data stream of claim 39, wherein the priority data identifies which video object layer may be discarded in the event of limited memory or processor resources.

44.    (Amended)    A method of decoding encoded bitstreams of claim 39, wherein the priority data identifies which video object layer to discard in the event of limited memory or processor resources.

## REMARKS

Claims 29, 30, 34, 35, 39-44 are pending in the application. Clerical errors in claims 40 and 44 have been corrected by this amendment.  No substantive change in claim scope is intended by any amendment in this paper.  In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.